THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. EAM had review ed global menace of terrorism with his Italian counterpart Mr. Dini on 12th January, 2000 in Rome.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Afghanistan situation was also discussed and identified as a factor strengthening international terrorism. In view of the common concerns of both countries it was agreed that both India and Italy would cooperate bilaterally and in multilateral fora, to combat the menace of international terrorism.

Indo-Bangladesh Talks

2963. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the officials of India and Bangladesh did discuss in Dhaka to simplify the visa issuing mechanism and to find a solution to the border disputes between the two countries ;

(b) whether it was to be followed at a national level talk ; and

(c) if so, what has been the out come of talks held, so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) During the 6th meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Working Group held in Dhaka in January 2000, discussions were held, *inter-alia,* on review of the existing visa regime and issues related to border management and completion of boundary demarcation. Government of India proposes to discuss these matters at appropriate levels with Bangladesh including, *inter- alia,* during the forthcoming Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary level talks, with the objective of putting in place mutually satisfactory arrangements.

Declaring Pakistan as Terrorist State

2964.. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have urged the United State Administration to declare Pakistan as a terrorist State; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Government have